The Opposite Way (Colossians 3:1–11)

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1. Our Minds (vv. 1–4)
1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek [____________, crave] those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set [this is an ongoing process] your mind [everything that’s going on in our heads] on things above, not on things on the earth [this is a conscious, purposeful, minute-by-minute effort on our part]. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God [If we want to find our lives, we have to find them in ____________]. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory [It’s not about making things perfect today].

Summary: When we find our minds focusing on things ________, go the opposite way and focus on things ____________.

2. Our Members (vv. 5–7)
5 Therefore put to death [to ____________ of power] your members which are on the earth: fornication [illicit sexual intercourse: sex ____________ of marriage], uncleanness [luxurious, extravagant living in a filthy manner: ____________], passion [depraved passions: a filthy _________], evil desire [a destructive desire for what is forbidden: ____________], and covetousness [desire to have more: _______________], which is Idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is

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coming upon the sons of disobedience [those who are ______ able to be persuaded], 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

Summary: When we find our members headed toward these things, go the opposite way and ____________ them of their power.

3. Our Mouths (vv. 8–11)
8 But now you yourselves are to put off [____________ from a particular thing] all these: anger [____________ emotion], wrath [anger that rises and __________], malice [desire to __________], blasphemy [____________ or speech that hurts God’s name], filthy language [____________ speech] out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on [to __________ in to] the new man who is renewed [__________ up (Question: Are you what you were?)] in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Summary: When we find our mouths about to say something they shouldn’t say, go the opposite way and ____________ from that communication and _________ in to the new man.
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4. Our Mannerisms (vv. 12–17)
12 Therefore, as the elect [picked] of God, holy and beloved [agape love], put on [________ in to] tender [________] mercies, kindness, humility [having a deep sense of one's own moral ______________], meekness [having __________ and not misusing it], longsuffering [____________ in avenging wrong]; 13 bearing with [holding ____] one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
14 But above all these things put on love [fills in the cracks with ________], which is the bond of perfection. [Love always wins] 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts [literally, let peace be the __________], to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom [____________ word for knowledge], teaching [teaching via conversation] and admonishing [____________] one another in psalms [songs accompanied with _________] and hymns [__________ songs] and spiritual songs [lyrical poems relating to the _________ spirit], singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Summary: When we find our mannerisms are about to do something without love, peace, and a thankful heart, go the opposite way and slide in to love, let peace umpire, and give __________.
5. Our Marriages (vv. 18–21)

18 Wives, submit [a _____________ attitude] to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love [to welcome, to entertain, to be ______ of, to love dearly] your wives and do not be bitter [exasperated] toward them. 20 Children, obey [answering the _______: listening and obeying] your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke [stir up, excite] your children, lest they become discouraged [a ____________ spirit].

Summary: When we find our marriages about to go against God’s ordained structure for the home, go the opposite way and ______________ for God’s structure.

6. Our Masters (vv. 22–25)

22 Bondservants [_______________ submission to slavery], obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity [focus on ______ thing free from pretense and hypocrisy] of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily [with great __________], as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. [We are really working for __________.] 25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality [respect of persons].

Summary: When we find our masters being deprived of great breath, go the opposite way and do the job for __________.

Jesus went the opposite way so ___ could too.